**ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY- ELA- EXAMPLE**

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| **INTRODUCTION (FIRST) PARAGRAPH TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    **I have just read 3** **texts that gave me information about** **if gay people should be allowed to get**  **married. I believe that we should allow gay people to get married.**  **Some other people believe that we should NOT allow gay people to get married, but I do not agree.**  **They are wrong because most of the evidence supports this.**  **Using information from three parts of these texts:** “https://gaymarriage.procon.org/.” **by** authors of www.procon.org, **I will prove my point.** |

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| **OPPOSING SIDE (SECOND) PARAGRAPH TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Some other people believe that we should NOT allow gay people to get married.**  **In the text it states, “It is psychologically damaging for children whose biological or adopted parents are gay.”**    **(Text # 7, Line # 23).**  **This shows/means that it hurts children to have gay parents.**  **While this is a valid point, it does not take into consideration two reasons:** **gay people should be able to love who they want, and there are financial benefits to marrying and making it official vs. just living together.** |

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| **YOUR CLAIM (THIRD) PARAGRAPH TOPIC: GAY MARRIAGE**    **I believe that we should allow gay people to get married.**  **One reason to support this side is that gay people should be able to love who they want.**    **In the text it states, “Love has no bounds and no gender**.”    **(Text 4, Line 3)**    **This shows/means that love is not about whether you’re male or female and shouldn’t have limits or rules.**    (Another example):  **Another reason to support this side is there are financial advantages to marrying and making it official vs. just living together**.  **In the text it states,** “**Legal marriage brings many financial benefits such as tax breaks, whereas cohabiting does not allow any of these and sometimes causes couples to lose money**.”    **(Text 6, Line # 55).**  **This shows/means that getting legally married gives gay couples the same financial benefits as any other couple**.  **Obviously, these points prove that we should allow gay people to get married**. |

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| **CONCLUSION (LAST) PARAGRAPH TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **In conclusion, there’s a debate right now about whether or not if gay people should be allowed to**  **get married. However, it is obvious that** **we should allow gay people to get married, as most of the**  **evidence that I just presented supports this. In the future, I hope** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |